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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 1632 Confirmation No.: 6418 Application No.: 10/500,511 Invention: **ELECTRONICALLY FILED ON: BIOMATERIAL DERIVED FROM** VERTEBRATE LIVER TISSUE April 25, 2008 Applicant: Stephen F. Badylak, et al. Filed: June 30, 2004 Attorney Docket 3220-72178 Chen, Shin Lin Examiner:

LETTER REGARDING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination

Transmittal. Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in
the captioned application. Applicants are also filing an Amendment and Response,
transmitted herewith, and the amendment satisfies the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §

1.114(a) and (c) for filing a submission with a Request for Continued Examination.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for filing a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants have previously filed a Notice of Appeal on September 27, 2007, along with the prescribed fee to maintain the pendency of the instant application until November 27, 2007, which may be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Applicants also hereby petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to file this Request for Continued Examination and the accompanying response, extending the due date to April 27, 2008. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to also charge the amount of \$2230.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) for the five month extension of time.

Applicant does not believe that any other fees are required for filing this Request for Continued Examination. If any other fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-72178.

Respectfully submitted, BARNES & THORNBURG LLP

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